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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1582

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY

SUBJECT: REPORTED DISSOLUTION OF FATAH COMMITTEE BY SYRIA

REF: TEL AVIV 3603

1. WE REGRET THAT WE HAVE TAKEN SO LONG TO REPLY TO REFTEL BUT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORT AND IT HAS TAKEN SOME TIME. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE FOUND NOTHING IN THE LOCAL PRESS OR HAVE LEARNED NOTHING FROM LOCAL SOURCES TO CORROBORATE THE JERUSALEM ARABIC BROADCAST PICH STATED THAT SYRIA HAS "DISSOLVED THE COMMAND COMMITTEE OF FATAH." THERE HAVE BEEN SOME REPORTS RECENTLY IN DAMASCUS THAT THE SYRIANS REGIME HAS PUT MORE CONTROLS ON THE MOVEMENT OF FEDAYEEN IN GENERAL IN THE COUNTRY AND PARTICULARLY ON THIS ORGANIZATIONS OF MORE EXTREMISTS TENDENCIES LIKE PFLP AND PDFLP. MEANWHILE THE SYRIAN REGIME CONTINUES TO GIVE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE PLO (PRESIDENT ASAD'S SPEECH TO THE ARAB JOURNALISTS DAMASCUS 1550). GIVEN FATAH DOMINENCE OF THE PLO, SYRIAN SUPPORT OF THE PLO WOULD ALSO COVER FATAH AS WELL, IN OUR OPINION.

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